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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Military Information from Meissen

EVALUATION see below

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REFERENCES

PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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SOURCE

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1. On 26 September 1953, the barracks installation in Meissen-Bonitzsch (1602) was occupied by about 190 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, most of them with artillery insignia. Two buildings of the barracks section housing these troops were lighted at dusk. Source believed the other section of the installation to have been vacant. Between 19 and 26 September, increased activity however, no training was observed in the barracks area. The garages were still empty. Thirty to forty soldiers engaged in callisthenics almost daily. Residents told source that the troops were expected to return on 15 October. Truck was identified in traffic from and to the barracks installation. 25X1B

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2. On 30 September, the barracks installation in Meissen-Zaschendorf (1601) was still occupied by about 140 to 150 soldiers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Between 22 and 30 September, source also noticed several soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia and red-bordered green epaulets. Motor vehicles in traffic to and from the installation. 25X1B

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3. On 6 September, source determined that a telephone section of 1 officer, 2 NCOs and 10 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia have been stationed in the house at the intersection of Niederauer Strasse and Karl Strasse in Meissen. Jeep was parked in front of the installation. 25X1B

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25X1A 1. Comment. The report indicates that the units of the First Gds Mecz Army from Meissen were still stationed at the Zeithain and Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds at the end of September.

25X1A records, shipments have already gone from Koenigsbrueck to Meissen and other posts of the 9th Tank Div on 1 October 1953, the troops must be expected to return earlier than stated by source in paragraph 1. The subdivision of the barracks installation at Bohnitsch as stated by source in paragraph 1 is known.

25X1A 2. Comment. The installation is reported for the first time. 25X1A

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